

# MINUTES

## TOWN OF LOS GATOS SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION CIVIC CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS 110 EAST MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 1, 2008 MEETING

NO.	ITEM	ACTION ON ITEM									
I.	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS	<p>The Special Transportation and Parking Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. <b>Chair Ed La Veque</b> welcomed the Alpine Avenue residents and introduced Todd Capurso, the new Director of the Parks and Public Works Department and the members of the Transportation and Parking Commission.</p> <p><b>Ed La Veque</b> asked the Alpine Avenue residents to introduce themselves and thanked them for their participation at this meeting.</p> <p><b>Todd Capurso</b> introduced the staff from the Parks &amp; Public Works Department and Police Department.</p>									
II.	ROLL CALL	<p><b>Commissioners Present:</b> Chair Ed La Veque, Ed Stahl, Collette Lynner, Erik Wilhelmsen, and Chris Tanimoto.</p> <p><b>Commissioners Absent:</b> Bruce Entin and Dick Anderson</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> Todd Capurso, Director of Parks and Public Works  Kevin Rohani, Assistant Director of Parks and Public Works  Sergeant JR Langer, Police Department  Captain Dave Gravel, Police Department  Jessy Pu, Traffic Engineer  Tim Kawasaki, Administrative Analyst  Dorrie Romero, Administrative Secretary</p> <p><b>Alpine Avenue Residents:</b> Len and Patricia Viale (50 Alpine), Bruce Mitchell (98 Alpine), Pamela Nerney and Greg Walker (47 Alpine), Kathryn Knudsen (25 Alpine) and Janice Gali (57 Alpine)</p>									
III.	VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS	There were no verbal communications heard at this meeting.									
IV.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION										
	A. Alpine Avenue Neighborhood Background/Parking Concerns	<p><b>Ed La Veque</b> stated that the purpose of this meeting was to listen and discuss new and ongoing parking and traffic issues from the residents. The information discussed will be used to formulate recommendations to be brought forth at the next meeting on October 9, 2008.</p>									
	B. Traffic Data Collected	<p><b>Kevin Rohani</b> provided a comparison of the data collected from July 2008 and September 2008 in the neighborhood to determine if the area met the criteria for a Traffic Calming Program.</p> <table> <tr> <th>Month</th><th>85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed</th><th>Car Volume per Day</th></tr> <tr> <td>July 2008</td><td>29.8</td><td>622</td></tr> <tr> <td>September 2008</td><td>28.7</td><td>653</td></tr> </table>	Month	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed	Car Volume per Day	July 2008	29.8	622	September 2008	28.7	653
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**Traffic Data Collected**

The data collected demonstrated that there was no substantial increase to merit a Traffic Calming Program.

Resident **Pamela Nerney** expressed that the data presented could be skewed due to the recent outreach to the staff, parents and students of the high school; resulting in a reduction of the parking issues. **Kevin Rohani** stated that he appreciated her point.

**JR Langer** reported that the ongoing outreach with the Los Gatos High School staff, parents and students and management with Parlour 308 has helped minimize the parking and traffic issues. The most recent parking count resulted in an average of 10 cars per day; with a difference of 4 cars from last year's data.

**JR Langer** reported that he will continue to work with the management of Parlour 308 and reported the following progress:

- Staff is now parking on Johnson Avenue.
- Permits were purchased for Parking Lot 8.
- Management continues to urge staff not to park on Alpine Avenue.

Resident **Len Viali** stated that **JR Langer** has done a great job with outreach with the high school, although his efforts with the salon do not appear to be as successful as he has witnessed the same cars parked in the area.

Resident **Pamela Nerney** stated that the parking issues with the high school are ongoing and will require maintenance, whereas, she identifies the salon as the problem.

**C. Discussion and Options**

The following concerns were discussed by the Alpine Avenue residents:

- **Outreach** – although it has played an integral role in a 25% reduction in parking, a long-term solution still needs to be implemented.
- **Parking Lot 8** – suggested that this parking lot be made into long-term parking and make Alpine Avenue restricted parking.
- **Parking Permit** – suggested that Alpine Avenue be included in the Olive Zone.
- **Parking Sensors** – reported the presence of the sensors has improved traffic on the street.
- **Parlour 308** – stated that the salon is the source of the problem; requested that additional permits be purchased due to the increase of staff and to reduce the overflow of parking; recommend that staff park in the back lot of the salon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.